



Meadowlands Transportation Planning District

Public Outreach - Summer 2007

Introduction

The Hackensack Meadowlands District is not only home to a wealth of natural resources, but also to a vibrant and integral transportation network responsible for moving people and goods throughout one of the East Coast's fastest growing economic centers.

Located minutes from New York City and international transportation hubs, such as Port Newark/ Elizabeth-Port Authority Marine Terminal and Newark Liberty International Airport, the District enjoys the benefits of regional and local transportation infrastructure such as the Frank R. Lautenberg Rail Station at Secaucus Junction, Teterboro Airport, Routes 3, 17, 46, and 120, the New Jersey Turnpike, and a number of park-and-ride facilities.

Over the years, development in and around the Meadowlands District has strained regional transportation resources. This situation has led to the need for roadway, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements to enhance transportation options and address traffic impacts resulting from future development.



History

The Hackensack Meadowlands Transportation Planning Act, effective June 24, 2005, established a Transportation Planning District within the Meadowlands District. The law requires the creation of a comprehensive District-wide Transportation Plan that will designate transportation projects and associated funding needed to sustain future economic growth. The Act empowers the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission to assess fees on future District development

based upon a technical analysis of its projected impact upon the transportation system.

Public Outreach Process

An extensive public outreach component has been one of the most important aspects of the Plan's development. The Meadowlands Transportation Planning Board (MTPB), led by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, has overseen the development of the Transportation Plan, with the assistance of the NJMC staff. In addition, the Meadowlands Transportation Plan Advisory Committee (MTPAC) has met regularly throughout the planning process to advise on the Plan's development and provide crucial input. The MTPAC is comprised of representatives from District

municipalities, state, regional, and county agencies, property owners, developers, and advocacy groups. Three public hearings on the Draft 2007 Meadowlands District Transportation Plan are scheduled on July 12, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. at the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, Two DeKorte Park Plaza, Lyndhurst, New Jersey, to provide the public with a forum to voice their comments on the Plan.

Draft 2007 Transportation Plan

It is with great pleasure that we announce the completion of the Draft 2007 Meadowlands District Transportation Plan. The Plan fulfills the requirements of the Hackensack Meadowlands Transportation Planning Act and plays an important role in the NJMC's mission to improve mobility for passengers and freight throughout the District.

The Plan considers anticipated growth within the District and identifies transportation improvements that will be needed to support such development over a time frame that reaches to the year 2030. Additionally, the Plan prioritizes improvements, estimates costs, and derives funding sources from both the private and public sectors.

A full range of candidate transportation improvements, representing \$94 million in future investments in all modes and sub-elements of the transportation system, is recommended to address existing and future needs and provide reasonable travel conditions within the District. The estimated costs of the recommended improvements were proportioned by applying the percentage of existing versus future transportation needs.

This broad array of recommended upgrades will be supported by future development within the District, through a fair-share formula based on a collectively supported assessment framework, accounting for credits, exemptions, and waivers where necessary. Ultimately, this will ensure that growth within the District is supported and that resources will be available to mitigate future mobility concerns.

Promoting the NJMC's practice of forward-thinking to solve anticipated future concerns, the Meadowlands District Transportation Plan is designed to be a fluid document and will be revised and updated over time as the Transportation Planning District's needs change.

For More Information

The NJMC invites you to view the Draft 2007 Meadowlands District Transportation Plan. It is available for download at www.njmeadowlands.gov/Transportation. Questions or comments on the Draft 2007 Plan? Please contact David Liebgold at the NJMC at (201)777-2414 or david.liebgold@njmeadowlands.gov.



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